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WASHINGTON, DC – House Energy and Commerce Committee leaders today wrote to Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Gina McCarthy expressing concerns regarding EPA's proposed greenhouse gas New Source Performance Standards for new power plants that would require the installation of carbon capture and storage (CCS) technologies that are not commercially viable. The members believe the proposed standards go beyond the scope of the EPA's legal authority and are requesting the proposed rule be withdrawn.

EPA is proposing standards pursuant to Section 111 of the Clean Air Act, which provides that emissions standards must be achievable using “adequately demonstrated” technologies. EPA maintains that CCS technologies for coal-fired power plants have been “adequately demonstrated” based on three government-funded projects under construction or planned that are receiving assistance under the Department of Energy’s Clean Coal Power Initiative (CCPI) and one other small-scale Canadian government-funded project. EPA Acting Assistant Administrator Janet McCabe confirmed the agency uses these projects as the basis for its determination during questioning at yesterday’s Energy and Power Subcommittee hearing.

While EPA is using these projects to justify its proposed standards, the Energy Policy Act of 2005 prohibits EPA from considering technology used at CCPI projects as being “adequately demonstrated” for purposes of Section 111 of the Clean Air Act. Based on these facts, the committee leaders concluded, “Under these provisions of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, EPA’s consideration of CCPI projects to determine that CCS for coal-fired power plants is ‘adequately demonstrated’ is prohibited.”

In the letter to McCarthy, House Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman Fred Upton (R-MI), Chairman Emeritus Joe Barton (R-TX), Energy and Power Subcommittee Chairman Ed Whitfield (R-KY), and subcommittee Vice Chairman Steve Scalise (R-LA) wrote, “In light of these statutory prohibitions, we request that the EPA’s proposed rule, which has not yet been published in the Federal Register, be withdrawn. This will ensure that the agency does not propose standards beyond its legal authority. This will also ensure that stakeholders and the public will not have to incur additional costs to respond to a proposal that contravenes applicable law.”

For a full copy of the letter to EPA, click [HERE](#).

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Greens fret over Landrieu rise at energy panel

By Andrew Restuccia and Darren Goode

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Environmental groups are shuddering at the prospect of Sen. Mary Landrieu ascending to the top of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee.

When it comes to energy and environmental issues, the Louisiana Democrat is more closely aligned with the oil industry than the tree huggers.

She has used her senior position on the committee to fight to funnel more revenue from offshore drilling to her state and to ensure drilling permits get processed quickly. And if she takes over the chairmanship of the panel from Sen. Ron Wyden (D-Ore.), green groups worry she's likely to push that agenda even further.

"It's just hard to be optimistic about the direction of the committee if it goes from Wyden to Landrieu," one official at a major environmental group said. "That would be the big fear for us is that that committee would be very, very narrowly focused just on oil and gas."

Landrieu has long been in line to take over from Wyden upon Sen. Max Baucus (D-Mont.) retirement in 2014 — assuming that she wins her high-profile reelection bid. But the news Wednesday that Baucus will be nominated as ambassador to China means Landrieu will likely climb to the highest ranks of the committee ahead of schedule.

Wyden is expected to take over for Baucus as chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, leaving the ENR spot open for Landrieu, the next most senior Democrat after Sen. Tim Johnson, who told POLITICO Thursday he will probably not leave his chairmanship of the Banking Committee.

Landrieu would become the first Louisianian to head the energy panel since former Democratic Sen. Bennett Johnston gave up the mantle when Republicans took control in 1995.

On Thursday, Johnston described her likely early ascension to the panel's chair as "a real blockbuster," adding, "I'm just amazed."

He said the chairman of the energy panel "particularly for Louisiana is just the best chairmanship that you can get because the state is so dependent on energy."

"People in Louisiana understand where the bread is buttered," he said. "This is a big, huge loaf of bread with a big slice of butter just melting on top."

For now, Wyden, Baucus and Landrieu aren't saying much about their future plans. But environmental groups are already cringing over a future Landrieu energy committee reign.

Landrieu won the respect of many environmental groups for sponsoring the RESTORE Act, which was signed into law in 2012 and funnels 80 percent of the fines stemming from the 2010 BP oil spill to Gulf States for coastal restoration. But she has a modest 49 percent lifetime score on the League of Conservation Voter's scorecard, a long-time barometer of a lawmaker's green cred.

In recent years, Landrieu has voted in favor of measures to approve the Keystone XL oil pipeline, dramatically expand offshore drilling and limit EPA's authority to tackle climate change. And she has voted against measures to eliminate some of the oil industry's tax breaks.

"While we applaud her leadership on the RESTORE Act, Sen. Landrieu has the lowest LCV lifetime score of any Democrat in the Senate at just 49 percent, and she has repeatedly voted to permanently block EPA from protecting public health by cutting carbon pollution from power plants," said Tiernan Sittenfeld, senior vice president for government affairs at LCV.

Environmental groups may be groaning over the possibility of a Landrieu chairmanship, but the move is probably a good thing for the Democratic Party, which needs her to win reelection next year in order to help maintain control of the Senate.

"It's quite the conundrum for the Democrats," the environmental group official said. "They need her to hold onto the Senate, but what price are they going to pay when it comes to energy and environmental issues?"

Landrieu can use her committee chairmanship to score political points in her home state, the third-biggest energy producer in the country, according to EIA data.

Her chief Republican challenger, Rep. Bill Cassidy, is already seeking to counter her pro-oil image.

Cassidy campaign manager Joel DiGrado said in an email that Landrieu has donated "thousands to anti-oil and gas politicians, most recently Ed Markey and also Barbara Boxer and Ken Salazar."

"She routinely votes for appointees or policies which are harmful to the oil and gas industry," he

said. The latest example, DiGrado said, was her support for Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid's use of the "nuclear option" to streamline votes on executive branch nominations, including those for the D.C. Circuit Court, "a move seen as paving the way for EPA regulation of carbon to fend off constitutional challenges."

His campaign has also noted that some fixtures in the state's oil and gas industry that supported Landrieu in the past are supporting Cassidy this time.

Don Briggs, the head of the Louisiana Oil and Gas Association, is a personal friend of Cassidy's and attended a recent fundraiser for him. He has personally donated campaign funds for Cassidy, and while he has also donated in past years to Landrieu, he will not this time.

But Briggs did praise Landrieu as a friend of oil and gas.

"She's done a great job when it comes to the energy issues for our state. I'll never back down on that statement," he said.

He also opined that she and Cassidy don't differ much on energy policy.

"When it comes to energy issues, I think the two of them would vote on most issues the same," he said. And the issues where they differ are "nothing major," he said.

Indeed, oil and gas interests had already loaded up her coffers even before it became clear she'd hold the mantle of the energy panel at least temporarily.

"Landrieu's ascension into the chairmanship of ENR would be a huge win for Louisiana. As the oil and gas industry is vital to the economic vitality of Louisiana, her move would be a net win for that sector as well," said Stephen Brown, a vice president and counsel at Tesoro. "Less apparent, but perhaps more important to the industry, would be the strength of her voice within Democratic leadership in guiding how that collective thinks and talks about energy issues writ large."

One of the early issues Landrieu would seem likely to pursue as Energy chairwoman is expanding the percentage of revenue from offshore oil and natural gas production that is funneled to coastal states. In 2006, Landrieu successfully fought to get legislation signed into law that shares some revenue from offshore drilling with coastal states. And she has spent years continuing to fight for more, introducing a bill with Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska) on the issue earlier this year.

But Landrieu's quest for higher revenue sharing hit a brick wall when Sen. Jeff Bingaman (D-N.M.), a vocal opponent of the proposal, was chairman. Long-sought offshore drilling safety legislation stalled in the committee in July 2011 amid a fight over revenue sharing.

Despite their differences on some issues, Bingaman, always measured and soft-spoken, had only good things to say about Landrieu.

“I think she’s very determined on the issues she thinks need to be addressed and I think she’s had a good record of success in getting things done there in the Senate. I think that bodes well for her tenure,” Bingaman, who left the Senate in 2013, told POLITICO. He added that Landrieu “obviously has the right qualifications to be a very effective” chairwoman.

Other observers said they are confident that Landrieu’s focus won’t be limited just to oil and gas.

“There is no doubt that if she becomes chair of [the committee], Sen. Landrieu would aggressively represent the interests of her oil and gas constituency, but Sen. Landrieu also has demonstrated a consistent commitment to renewable energy and conservation, and I would expect her to continue to promote a balanced energy and conservation agenda,” former Interior Department Deputy Secretary David Hayes said in an email.

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Please help the Office of the Administrator make this a joyful holiday season for local children in need by contributing a toy to EPA's Holiday Toy Drive. Tomorrow, December 17th at 10am, Administrator McCarthy has scheduled time to take photos with EPA employees – there will be an opportunity for employees to donate to the Holiday Toy Drive while waiting to have their photos taken. More information about the Holiday Toy Drive and photos with the Administrator is available below.

Holiday Toy Drive

- All toys collected will be donated to local charities. Toys can be dropped off in 3000 WJC-S now through December 20. Toys can also be dropped off in the Administrator's Office on Tuesday, December 17th during Photos with the Administrator. Please donate only new, unwrapped toys, no gift cards, please. If you have questions, please contact Gladys Stroman at (202) 564-6962 or Donna Jenkins at (202) 564-6959.

Photos with the Administrator

- You will be asked to gather/wait in the Green Room 15 minutes before your allotted time prior to entering the Administrator's office for a photo. Upon exiting her office, employees will be guided to the South side of the building;
- In order to accommodate the large number of people expected throughout the course of the day we will not be able to take any group photos;
- The official EPA photographer – Eric Vance – will take your picture with the Administrator. In order to keep things moving please do not bring personal cameras, camera phones, etc.;

- EPA employees should bring their badge to enter the Administrator's office and Green Room;
- Please note that there will not be a make-up date scheduled – no “re-do” dates are expected.
- The photos will be posted on-line on EPA's multimedia site - <http://intranet.epa.gov/media/> in approximately 3 to 4 weeks. Once they are posted, employees will be able to go on to the website, select and download their photo.

Please note: Employees are not required to donate to the Holiday Toy Drive in order to participate in Photos with the Administrator.

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Top news stories:

House To Vote On Bill That Would Impose \$5,000 Fee For Protesting Drilling Projects (ThinkProgress)

The bill, introduced by Rep. Doug Lamborn (R-CO), is broad legislation designed to make it much easier for oil and gas companies to obtain permission to drill on public lands. If signed into law, the legislation would automatically approve onshore drilling permits if the U.S. Department of Interior (DOI) failed to act on them in 60 days.

White House waves veto pen at GOP 'fracking,' energy bills (The Hill)

The White House is threatening to veto House GOP bills that would thwart Interior Department hydraulic fracturing rules and force regulators to offer more federal lands for oil-and-gas drilling. In a pair of statements Tuesday morning, the White House slammed two GOP energy bills slated for votes this week, arguing that they would dismantle important environmental protections.

Colorado proposes reducing methane leaks from energy production (Los Angeles Times)

Colorado proposed new rules Monday to reduce methane leaks from oil and gas operations, the first effort in the country to address emissions of the greenhouse gas that is a byproduct of the domestic fossil fuel boom.

Broomfield fracking ban: Results flip; measure approved by 17 votes after outstanding (Denver Post)

The results of Broomfield's anti-fracking measure -- which appeared to have failed by a slim margin on Election Day -- flipped late Thursday night, but the five-year hydraulic fracturing ban's approval was so narrow that a recount is mandatory.

Nuke agency resumes Yucca Mountain review (The Hill)

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has ordered its staff to get back to work finalizing a review of a controversial nuclear waste dump in Nevada. On Monday, the agency announced that it had restarted work on a safety evaluation report for the Yucca Mountain site and also asked the Energy Department to prepare an additional environmental impact statement.

Energy news:**California and Illinois release draft fracking rules, and California's are better (Grist)**

A quick read of the tea leaves suggests that frackers are going to continue plundering Illinois with little thought given to environmental impacts. Frackers operating in California, however, will need to abide by some tough new regulations – but not tough enough to mollify environmentalists, who continue to call for a fracking moratorium in the Golden State.

Vitter asks OMB to detail energy revenues vs. spending, tax breaks (E&E)

Sen. David Vitter (R-La.), the ranking member on the Environment and Public Works Committee, has asked the Office of Management and Budget to calculate how much revenue the government receives from various energy sources — such as oil and gas revenues — compared to what it spends through grant programs and tax benefits to energy providers.

Hyundai announces hydrogen-powered SUV (The Hill)

Hyundai will launch sales of a Tucson SUV powered by a hydrogen fuel cell in 2014, the Associated Press reports. It will be the first mass-market vehicle powered on hydrogen to be sold or leased in the U.S. The automaker plans to announce details on the new Tucson at the Los Angeles Auto Show on Wednesday.

Energy Secretary: Oil boom won't fuel isolationism (The Hill)

Here's something rising alongside U.S. oil-and-gas production: Assurances from top U.S. officials that the country won't abandon its diplomatic and security engagement with the Middle East. Energy Secretary Ernest Moniz, in an interview with the Financial Times (sub. req'd), is the latest senior Obama administration official to make the case.

The Campaign Against Net Metering: ALEC and Utility Interests' Next Attack on Clean Energy Surfaces in Arizona (Energy and Policy Institute)

On Thursday, the Arizona Corporate Commission (ACC), the state entity responsible for regulating utilities, voted to charge ratepayers a monthly fee of 70 cents per kilowatt of solar energy installed on their roof. Arizona Public Service (APS) had proposed charging customers who install rooftop solar panels an additional \$50-100 on their monthly bills.

Could first U.S. offshore wind farm be in Texas? (E&E)

Right now the only thing marking the 41,000 acres in the Gulf of Mexico that have been leased is a buoy recording the paths of the birds and bats flying overhead. But in three years' time, a team including university professors and a former British oil executive is hoping to have the nation's first commercial scale wind farm installed and eventually generating enough power for 1.8 million homes – at least when the wind is blowing.

U.S. Firm's \$100 Million Investment Shows How Solar Energy Is Soaring In Japan (ThinkProgress)

Last week, amid the 19th United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, Japan announced it was slashing its 2020 greenhouse gas emissions reductions target from 25 percent to just 3.8 percent based on 2005 figures. This news garnered major negative attention for a country better known for being a leader in confronting climate change rather than a spoilsport.

Climate news:

After Deadly Illinois Storm, Damaged Communities Come Together (Associated Press)

The cleanup from Sunday's outbreak of tornadoes had scarcely begun, but people in storm-ravaged towns like Washington, 140 miles southwest of Chicago, had to keep moving. The tornado cut a path about an eighth of a mile wide from one side of Washington to the other and damaged or destroyed as many as 500 homes.

U.S. serious on climate, John Kerry tells U.N. summit (POLITICO)

U.S. officials tried on Monday to assure wary international negotiators who are struggling to lay the groundwork for a global climate change accord that the United States is serious about slashing its greenhouse gas emissions.

George W. Bush Says Keystone XL Pipeline A 'No-Brainer': 'Build The Damn Thing' (Huffington Post)

Former President George W. Bush has been reluctant to criticize the policies of his successor, but last week, he jumped in and spoke out against President Barack Obama's inaction on building the Keystone XL oil pipeline.

Bloomberg's Hidden Legacy: Climate Change and the Future of New York City, Part 2 (InsideClimate News)

The pace was frantic. People were exhausted and cranky. Some spent nights in their offices. At times they felt they'd never get all the work done.

Canadians losing faith in government on climate change (Toronto Star)

Canadians are losing confidence in their leaders on matters of climate change, says a new survey. Faith in government as the lead actor in addressing climate issues declined sharply to 53 per cent, down six points in the past year, says the survey released Monday.

Sardinia Storm: 'Apocalyptic' Weather Floods Italian Island, Killing 17 (Associated Press)

The Mediterranean island of Sardinia, prized by the jet-set for its white sand beaches and crystal-clear seas, was a flood-ravaged mudbath Tuesday after a freak torrential rainstorm killed at least 17 people, downed bridges and swept away cars.

Environment & Health news:

Feds push back timeline for offshore drilling rules (Fuel Fix)

The federal government is no longer on track to propose new rules for Arctic oil development and offshore emergency equipment before the end of the year.

House lawmakers demand refund for shuttered parks (The Hill)

House lawmakers are reopening the fight over the Obama administration's closing of national parks during the government shutdown. Arizona's congressional delegation is pressing the administration to pay their state for expenses from reopening national parks during the 16-day government shutdown.

Poll: Many think Obama closed parks as stunt (The Hill)

Nearly one-third of voters say President Obama closed down the national parks during the shutdown as a political stunt. That was among the findings of a new poll released on Monday that also found 57 percent of people think the parks were forced to close because Congress could not agree on a budget.

The Environmental Promise Obama Completely Abandoned (National Journal)

Before President Obama had even taken the oath of office, his administration was promising to protect the public from toxic coal waste produced by power plants. But well into the president's second term—and nearly five years after Americans learned of the dangers of coal ash after a massive spill devastated a Tennessee town—that pledge is a green dream that is at least deferred, and quite possibly dead.

Alabama rail line reopens after derailment, oil spill (Associated Press)

A railroad reopened a section of track 10 days after the fiery derailment of a train carrying crude oil in west Alabama, but state environmental officials said Monday they still don't know how much oil spilled into surrounding wetlands.

Exxon Oil Spill in Arkansas 2013: How a Pipeline Burst in Mayflower (New Republic)

Hundreds of people in this working-class town of 2,200 have complained of symptoms like Thompson's. And their maladies—respiratory disorders, nausea, fatigue, nosebleeds, bowel issues, throbbing headaches—echo the ones that appeared in Marshall, Michigan, where an Enbridge Energy pipeline burst in 2010. The two pipelines were carrying the same kind of oil: a heavy crude, or bitumen, mined in the tar sands of Alberta, Canada.

Arctic oil spill is certain if drilling goes ahead, says top scientist (Guardian)

A serious oil spill in the Arctic is a "dead cert" if drilling goes ahead, with potentially devastating consequences for the pristine region, according to a leading marine scientist who played a key role in analysis of BP's Deepwater Horizon oil spill.

Active Volcano Discovered Underneath Antarctic Ice Sheet, Confirming Long-Held Suspicions (Associated Press)

Earthquakes deep below West Antarctica reveal an active volcano hidden beneath the massive ice sheet, researchers said today (Nov. 17) in a study published in the journal Nature Geoscience.

Toys 'R' Us Keeps Airing Perhaps 'The Most Anti-Science, Anti-Environmental TV Ad (ThinkProgress)

Once upon a time Toys 'R' Us ran a Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad TV Ad. It was about how science education and field trips to nature are boring, boring, boring — especially when compared to free toys.

Logging on the rise again in the Brazilian Amazon (Grist)

Buried amid the bleak news in a forest study that we told you about last week was a glimmer of hope: Analysis of satellite images taken from 2000 to 2012 revealed that deforestation was slowing down in Brazil.

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Republicans prod EPA's McCarthy on Obamacare

By Darren Goode

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Among the probing questions put to EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy at a House Science Committee hearing Thursday about how the agency justifies its pollution regulations, it's doubtful she was expecting to be interrogated on whether she had enrolled in Obamacare.

But that's exactly what was posed to her by Rep. Paul Broun (R-Ga.), providing perhaps the reddest of meat for Republicans who are seemingly using every opportunity to poke at the foibles of the Obama administration's implementation of the major update in health coverage.

"Let me ask you one more question because my time's running out. Are you signed up for Obamacare?" Broun asked.

"No, I am not," McCarthy responded.

"Why not?" Broun asked.

"Well, because I'm lucky enough as a federal government [employee] that I have health care available to me, which I've signed up for. In a few years, when that's not the case, I'll be happy to have other available health care opportunities....," she began answering.

Broun interjected, "Well, the president says that Obamacare is much better than forcing most federal employees into Obamacare and obviously, if you are not signing up, you don't think it is. Mr. Chairman, I've run out of time. I yield back."

Rep. Steve Stockman (R-Texas) later at the hearing — which was billed as an effort at "strengthening transparency and accountability" at the EPA — praised McCarthy for giving him "my favorite tweet of the day which I'm going to send out."

That tweet — which Stockman did indeed send out — inaccurately portrays McCarthy as saying

she is “lucky enough not to have to” sign up for Obamacare.

“That’s wonderful. I wish my constituents could say the same,” he said at the hearing.

While McCarthy reiterated to Stockman that she was saying she was lucky enough to have access to good health care, Stockman responded, “I still will take your quote for the record. I wrote it down, it’s really good.”

While not exactly accurate, Republicans did what they set out to do. And McCarthy couldn’t help but chuckle as she pivoted away from Broun to a far friendlier panel member, Rep. Joe Kennedy (D-Mass.), who even praised McCarthy’s hometown Boston Red Sox.

“Go Sox,” McCarthy responded with a genuine smile.

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Dear Colleagues:

I am writing to announce that Michael Goo will be leaving his current position as Associate Administrator in the Office of Policy to pursue an opportunity in the Administration at the Department of Energy (DOE). As you know, Michael has been a key member of our management team in the Administrator's Office over the last three years, and I would like to take this opportunity to share my gratitude for his leadership and work on behalf of the Agency. Michael directed the Office of Policy (OP) during a period with a large number of incredibly important rulemakings. His strategic policy advice, as well as his oversight of these regulations throughout the OMB review process was essential to our success. Everyone knew that they could always count on Michael to know where every regulation was in the ADP process; to identify the current outstanding issues; and to provide options for pathways to resolution. Key regulations for carbon pollution, waste, air toxics, and water passed through OP where Michael provided key leadership to ensure that the rules we issued were coordinated with each other in a commonsense way. He also led the implementation of Executive Order 13563 by developing a high profile plan for a retrospective analysis of existing rules to find places where we could enhance, revise, repeal or amend existing regulations.

Michael has been a core part of Agency-wide collaborative efforts to develop tools and approaches to evaluate environmental justice impacts, consistent with EPA's Plan EJ 2014. During a period of intense scrutiny, he has ensured that EPA's economic analysis have been strong and consistent and that we are constantly developing approaches to improving them.

Under his guidance, the Executive Management Council was enhanced and continues to serve as an important forum and resource for the Agency's career senior leadership. Also, Michael has led the Office of Policy's work on a myriad of other cross-cutting issues, including sustainability, climate adaptation, and smart growth.

While Michael maybe assuming new duties at another agency, EPA's interests will remain a key focus of his work at DOE. In fact, he will remain in close contact with several of us as we continue to implement the President's Climate Action Plan and the Quadrennial Energy Review. Please join me in thanking Michael for his work at EPA and wishing him continued success.

Shannon Kenny, the Office of Policy's Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, will assume the role of Acting Associate Administrator in the interim. Shannon has been with EPA since 2000. Throughout her professional career, Shannon has focused on environmental, energy and manufacturing issues, which includes her work on climate change legislation for three years on Capitol Hill. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Zoology from the University of Texas at Austin and a Master in Environmental Management degree from Duke University.

Sincerely,

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Chief-of-Staff

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Sent: Friday, October 25, 2013 5:21:09 PM
To: Assistant Administrators; Assistant Regional Administrator; DAA-Career; Regional Administrators; DRA; Associate Administrators; Deputy Associate Administrators; Deputy Administrator; Feldt, Lisa; Ganesan, Arvin; KeyesFleming, Gwen; Reeder, John; Bittleman, Sarah; Fritz, Matthew; Rupp, Mark
Subject: On Behalf of the Chief-of-Staff: Office of Policy - Personnel Announcements

Dear Colleagues:

I am writing to announce that Michael Goo will be leaving his current position as Associate Administrator in the Office of Policy to pursue an opportunity in the Administration at the Department of Energy (DOE). As you know, Michael has been a key member of our management team in the Administrator's Office over the last three years, and I would like to take this opportunity to share my gratitude for his leadership and work on behalf of the Agency. Michael directed the Office of Policy (OP) during a period with a large number of incredibly important rulemakings. His strategic policy advice, as well as his oversight of these regulations throughout the OMB review process was essential to our success. Everyone knew that they could always count on Michael to know where every regulation was in the ADP process; to identify the current outstanding issues; and to provide options for pathways to resolution. Key regulations for carbon pollution, waste, air toxics, and water passed through OP where Michael provided key leadership to ensure that the rules we issued were coordinated with each other in a commonsense way. He also led the implementation of Executive Order 13563 by developing a high profile plan for a retrospective analysis of existing rules to find places where we could enhance, revise, repeal or amend existing regulations.

Michael has been a core part of Agency-wide collaborative efforts to develop tools and approaches to evaluate environmental justice impacts, consistent with EPA's Plan EJ 2014. During a period of intense scrutiny, he has ensured that EPA's economic analysis have been strong and consistent and that we are constantly developing approaches to improving them.

Under his guidance, the Executive Management Council was enhanced and continues to serve as an important forum and resource for the Agency's career senior leadership. Also, Michael has led the Office of Policy's work on a myriad of other cross-cutting issues, including sustainability, climate adaptation, and smart growth.

While Michael maybe assuming new duties at another agency, EPA's interests will remain a key focus of his work at DOE. In fact, he will remain in close contact with several of us as we continue to implement the President's Climate Action Plan and the Quadrennial Energy Review. Please join me in thanking Michael for his work at EPA and wishing him continued success.

Shannon Kenny, the Office of Policy's Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, will assume the role of Acting Associate Administrator in the interim. Shannon has been with EPA since 2000. Throughout her professional career, Shannon has focused on environmental, energy and manufacturing issues, which includes her work on climate change legislation for three years on Capitol Hill. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Zoology from the University of Texas at Austin and a Master in Environmental Management degree from Duke University.

Sincerely,

Gwen Keyes Fleming

Chief-of-Staff

To: (b) (6)
From: Goo, Michael
Sent: Mon 4/22/2013 2:25:15 PM
Subject: FW: Washington Nationals Game on Earth Day: 4.22.2013
MAIL_RECEIVED: Mon 4/22/2013 2:25:00 PM

From: Smith, Kelley
Sent: Sunday, April 21, 2013 7:04 PM
To: Goo, Michael; Bogoshian, Matthew; Feldt, Lisa; Jackson, Malcolm; Jones, Jim; Kopocis, Ken; Garbow, Avi; Rivas-Vazquez, Victoria; Bittleman, Sarah
Cc: Monger, Jon
Subject: Washington Nationals Game on Earth Day: 4.22.2013

All,

The Washington Nationals have extended an invitation for up to ten EPA staff to stand along the first or third baseline while the Acting Administrator throws out the first pitch. We thought that you all would be perfect representatives for the EPA and would like to invite you to watch the Acting Administrator's first pitch from the field.

If you are not interested or not able to get the location listed below by 6:15 PM tomorrow please let me know no later than 9:30 AM tomorrow morning so I can send an alternate name to the Nationals (they won't accept any alternates after 9:30 AM).

Name	On The Field Spots
Michael Goo	1
Lisa Feldt	2
Malcolm Jackson	1
Jim Jones	2
Ken Kopocis	1
Avi Garbow	1
Vicki Rivas-Vazquez	1

Sarah Bittleman 1

Logistics:

At **6:15 PM** meet Kelley Smith at the Club, Suites and Media entrance lobby. From there Kelley and Nationals staff will give you directions.

You can enter the ballpark through this entrance, which is located on South Capitol Street, directly adjacent to the Home Plate Gate. Alternatively, you may enter through any other ballpark gate and enter this lobby off of the Main Concourse Level; it will be on the exterior of the concourse about 100 feet past Section 119 if walking down the third base side toward home plate.

Best,

KS

Kelley Smith

Deputy White House Liaison

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To: (b) (6)
From: Goo, Michael
Sent: Mon 2/25/2013 9:01:32 PM
Subject: Fw: Your portrait
MAIL_RECEIVED: Mon 2/25/2013 9:01:34 PM
[MichaelGoo8x10.jpg](#)
[MichaelGoo2x3.jpg](#)
[MichaelGoo5x7.jpg](#)

From: Vance, Eric
Sent: Monday, February 25, 2013 8:19:26 AM
To: Goo, Michael
Subject: Your portrait

Good morning Michael,

Thanks for coming to the studio last week. Here is your portrait in 3 sizes. 8x10 is for prints, 5x7 works well for publication and 2x3 should be reserved for web use.

They are also available for download from Multimedia's Intranet site, link below my signature.

Regards,

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Eric Vance

Chief Photographer, USEPA

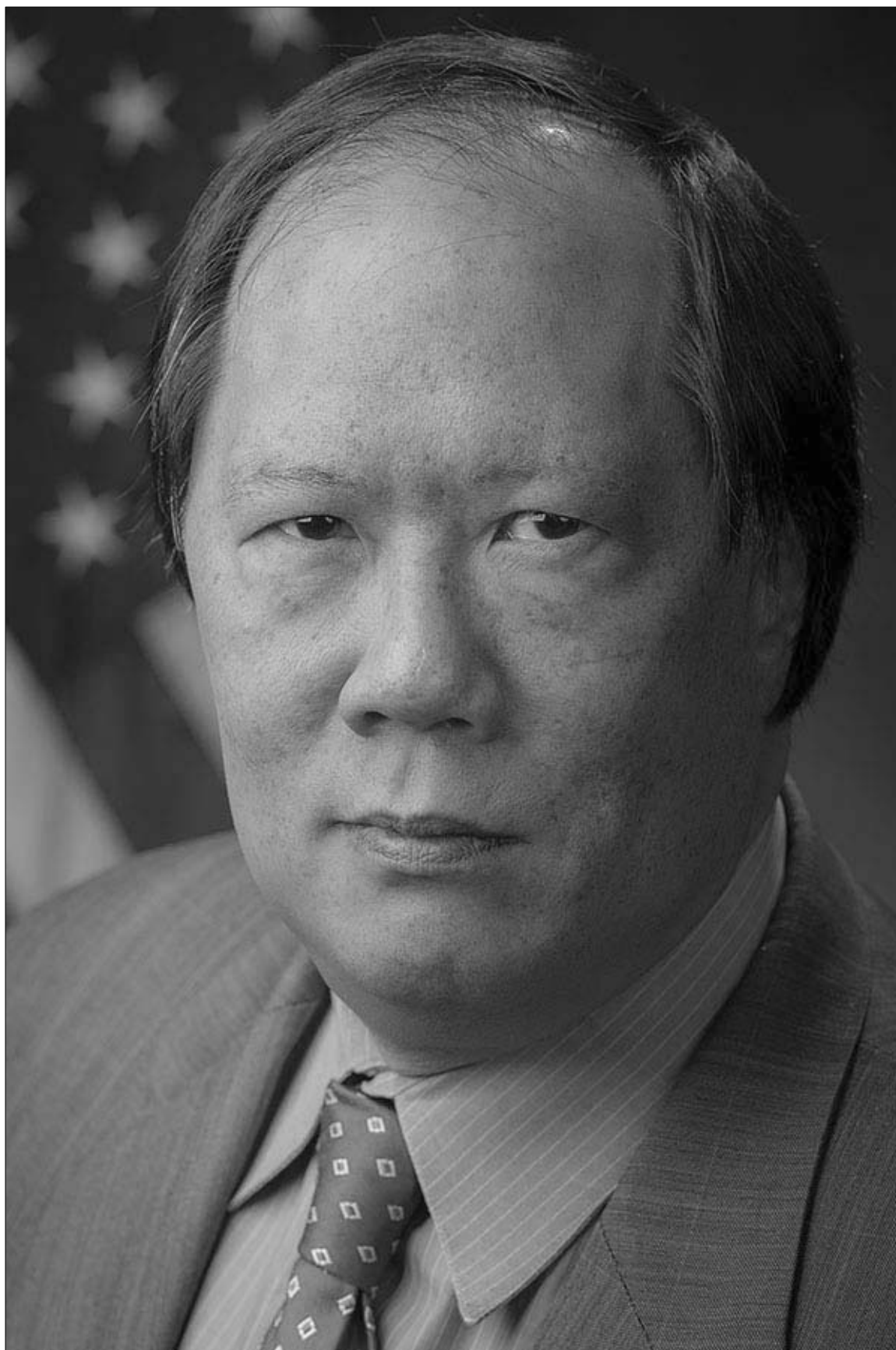
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Link to Office of Multimedia photo galleries, accessible from within EPA's network.

<http://intranet.epa.gov/media/>







To: Michael Goo/DC/USEPA/US@EPA[]
From: Michael Goo
Sent: Tue 3/27/2012 2:44:45 AM
Subject: EPA Said to Be Close to Tightening U.S. Greenhouse-Gas Limits- Bloomberg
MAIL_RECEIVED: Tue 3/27/2012 2:44:46 AM

<http://mobile.bloomberg.com/news/2012-03-26/epa-said-to-be-close-to-tightening-u-s-greenhouse-gas-limits.html>

Sent from my iPhone

To: (b) (6)]
From: Michael Goo/DC/USEPA/US@EPA
Sent: Fri 8/17/2012 12:01:22 PM
Subject: Fw: OMB Review -Two Week Notice Meeting for Friday 8/17
MAIL_RECEIVED: Fri 8/17/2012 12:23:31 PM

To: Michael Goo/DC/USEPA/US@EPA[]
From: michael Goo
Sent: Wed 2/23/2011 3:36:49 AM
Subject: Talking points for Senior Policy
MAIL_RECEIVED: Wed 2/23/2011 3:36:56 AM

Decisions made and next steps on EJ SCREEN

February 23, 2011

Operational Assumptions about the design of EJSCREEN

Based on previous input from EPA leadership and the workgroup regarding the nationally consistent screening tool, the following operational assumptions will guide development of options for presentation to the Administrator.

- The tool is expected to include both demographic and environmental factors
- The environmental factors should cover multiple environmental media
- The demographic factors are expected to include race, income, and a few other variables
- The appropriate weighting of different environmental factors will be determined based on SAB input
- Other EJ screening tools will be phased out or consolidated with EJ SCREEN

Options in the design of EJ SCREEN

- Nationally consistent database of demographic and environmental variables
- Flexible tool that can generate multiple demographic, environmental, and EJ indices
- Tool that generates a single, nationally consistent output using all factors listed above

Next Steps

- Options for discussion will be presented at the EMC meeting March 8 & 9
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- Administrator meeting end of March

To: (b) (6)
From: CN=Michael Goo/OU=DC/O=USEPA/C=US
Sent: Wed 2/23/2011 3:17:57 AM
Subject: Fw: EJ SCREEN info for the policy meeting tomorrow
[decisions and next steps on EJ SCREEN.docx](#)
[Draft table of Demographic variables used in EJ screening tools v5.pptx](#)
[decisions and next steps on EJ SCREEN with annotations.docx](#)

----- Original Message -----

From: William Nickerson
Sent: 02/22/2011 05:17 PM EST
To: Michael Goo
Cc: Louise Wise; Alexander Cristofaro; Lesley Schaaff; Mark Corrales
Subject: EJ SCREEN info for the policy meeting tomorrow
Michael,

Based on our quick conversation this afternoon, here is a draft handout for the meeting tomorrow. I have attached two versions. One is clean, and the other is annotated with notes for you (and you only) that explain where and why some additional information is included in the handout beyond what we explicitly discussed this afternoon.

The summary chart showing the demographic variables included in existing EJ screening tools is also attached.

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Decisions made about the design of EJSCREEN

Based on input from the Administrator, the Deputy Administrator, the AAs, and the RAs about the nationally consistent screening tool:

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Demographic variables used in EJ screening tools

	EJSEAT	EJVIEW	C-FERST	Centrank	EPA R1	EPA R2	EPA R3	EPA R4 & R8	EPA R5	EPA R6	EPA R7	EPA R9 SVI	CaIEPA	Morello-Frosch/ Pastor
Data source	Census 2000	Census 2000	Census 2000	Census 2000	Census 2000	Census 2000	Census 2000	Census 2000	Census 2000	Census 2000	Census 2000	Census 2000		
Race/ethnicity	% minority (AA, H, NA, or API) (pop minus NHW)	% minority (pop minus NHW)	% minority; and AI/AN tribal census tracts	% minority (AA, H, API, AI/AN)	% minority	% minority	% minority	% minority (pop minus NHW)	% minority (AA, H, NA, or API) (pop minus NHW)	% minority	% minority	% minority	% non-white	% non-white
Tribes										Tribal Census tracts				
Race & Poverty			population of AI/AN below poverty level											
Poverty	% below poverty	% below poverty	% below poverty	% below poverty	% below 2X poverty	% below poverty	% low income	% below poverty	% below poverty	unemployed			% below 2X poverty	% below 2X poverty
Income		Per capita income								% HH w/ income <\$20K	% low income	Median HH Income	Median HH Income	
Age	% under 5		% under 6				% under 7; % under 1		% under 5	% under 7; % under 1	% under 5		% under 5	% under 5
Age	% under 18	% under 18	% under 18	% under 18			% children		% over 65	% over 55	% over 64	% over 64	% over 65	% over 60
Age	% over 64	% over 64	% over 64	% over 64			% elderly		% over 65	% over 55	% over 64	% over 64	% over 65	% over 60
Education	% population > 18 w/o HS diploma	% population > 18 w/o HS diploma	% population > 25 w/o HS diploma	% population > 25 w/o HS diploma	% population > 25 w/o HS diploma	% population > 25 w/o HS diploma	Education level		% population > 25 w/o HS diploma	% population > 25 w/o HS diploma	% population > 25 w/o HS diploma	% population > 25 w/o HS diploma		% population > 25 w/o HS diploma
Education	% population > 18 w/ HS diploma only	% population > 18 w/ HS diploma	% population > 25 w/ HS diploma							Education level				
Education	% population > 18 w/ Bachelors or above	% population > 18 w/ Bachelors or above												
Language	% with limited English proficiency	% speak English less than well	% HH with linguistic isolation	% HH with linguistic isolation					% with limited English proficiency	% low/no ability to speak English; % HH with linguistic isolation; % Foreign born		% HH with linguistic isolation		% pop >4 in homes where no one >15 speaks English well
Gender	% female	% female					% female headed HH					% female head of household with dependent children under 18		
Disability														
Housing value				% people with disabilities									Median housing value	% rent
Home ownership	% rental units													
Housing stock	% of homes built before 1950	% of homes built before 1950	% housing units built before 1950				Age of housing			Age of Housing				
Population density	Population density	Population density					Population density			Population density	Population density			
Indoor air							% homes with indoor air quality problems							
Spatial resolution	T or circle	T or circle		B and BG	BG	BG	BG	BG, BG	T	BG, radii at 0.5 & 4 miles, and other through NEPA/Assist	BG	BG	Points etc., summary by tract	Points etc., summary by tract
Includes Env't	IN SCORE	(as layer in map)	(as layer in map)	IN SCORE	No	Yes	No?	No? No	IN SCORE?	Yes	No	No	IN SCORE	IN SCORE
NOTES	online documentation	online documentation	layers included on internal beta version website	Contractor draft report	From Nov 2009 document	From Nov 2009 document	From Nov 2009 document	From Nov 2009 document; different tools in R4 and R8 but use same variables	From Nov 2009 document; same variables as EJSEAT	From Nov 2009 document, NEPA/Assist as NEPA/Assist enhancements	Internal R7 mapping application	From 2010 document	From Cumulative Impacts Aug 2010 public review draft	From March 17 ORD presentation

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To: Goo, Michael[Goo.Michael@epa.gov]
From: Woodka, Janet
Sent: Wed 5/1/2013 5:41:58 PM
Subject: Re: Question
MAIL_RECEIVED: Wed 5/1/2013 5:42:00 PM

So jealous. And bitter...

From: Goo, Michael
Sent: Wednesday, May 01, 2013 1:02:07 PM
To: Woodka, Janet
Subject: Re: Question

I had a lovely lunch by myself at Cafe du parc.

From: Woodka, Janet
Sent: Wednesday, May 01, 2013 12:09:12 PM
To: Goo, Michael
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That's totally up to you. Not sure necessary for my peeps. But probably for others.

And shawn garvin didn't show up for our meeting. Can you believe that?

From: Goo, Michael
Sent: Wednesday, May 01, 2013 11:50:45 AM
To: Woodka, Janet
Subject: Re: Question

Yep altho maybe I need a new one. (b) (6) . Should I open another one today?

From: Woodka, Janet
Sent: Wednesday, May 01, 2013 11:47:17 AM
To: Goo, Michael
Subject: Question

Got a personal email so I can do intro?

To: Goo, Michael[Goo.Michael@epa.gov]
From: Woodka, Janet
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